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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 22 of its resolution 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958 on the establishment of the Special Fund, the General Assembly provided that the Secretary-General, after having consulted the Government Council of the Special Fund, would appoint the Managing Director, subject to confirmation by the Assembly. This procedure has been construed as applying also to the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

2. By its decision 51/321 of 21 May 1997, the General Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of James Gustave Speth as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 16 July 1997.

3. Mr. James Gustave Speth has informed the Secretary-General of his intention to resign effective 1 July 1999 and the Secretary-General has, with regret, accepted the resignation.

4. Following consultations with members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the Secretary-General now requests the General Assembly to confirm the appointment of Mark Mallock Brown as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

5. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has the honour to request, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-third session, under agenda item 17, entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", of an additional sub-item entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development programme".

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